

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO2001 Apr -5 PM 2:45  
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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
CODEFENDANT'S  
CIVIL NO. 98-2318 (RLA)

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BRENDA PEREZ PANIAGUA,  
et al.,

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Plaintiffs,

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v.

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DR. JOSE R. ALVAREZ-RUIZ,  
et al.,

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Defendants.

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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD ON APRIL 4, 2001

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13 At the Conference held on April 4, 2001 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30  
14 p.m. plaintiffs were represented by LUIS R. MELLADO, ESQ.  
15 Codefendant SIMED appeared through JESUS R. MORALES CORDERO, ESQ.  
16 IGOR DOMINGUEZ, ESQ., counsel for codefendant DR. ALVAREZ, was  
17 excused.

18 Counsel advised that they had finally agreed on the terms of  
19 the settlement stipulation. Only the signature of MR. DOMINGUEZ is  
20 pending. The stipulation duly signed shall be filed **no later than**  
21 **April 6, 2001.**

22 The approval of the settlement of the minor's cause of action  
23 and the terms of the corresponding order were discussed. A separate  
24 order will be issued regarding payment of the net awards for both  
25 the minor and his mother as well as for attorney's fees. Various  
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1 alternatives for investment of the minor's funds were considered.  
2 It appears that a savings account with the Clerk's designated  
3 financial institution which would yield a 4.3% interest rate is the  
4 most advantageous for the minor in terms of liquidity, security and  
5 yield.

7 The court is amenable to entertain requests for recurrent  
8 and/or extraordinary expenses required by the minor's condition  
9 provided that they are duly documented.

10 IT IS SO ORDERED.

11 In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001.



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13 RAYMOND L. ACOSTA  
14 United States District Judge  
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